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Dr. Albert Einstein calculated recently that--"Wheat saved plus fats and oils saved plus gardens planted plus canning and pre-serving equals millions of lives saved." Observing NATIONAL HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WEEK, JULY 15-22 can help save lives too.

GOOD FOOD NEWS. . . . The current outlook for total crop production has seldom been surpassed, says BAE in its July 1 General Crop Report, released July 10. That statement summarizes the 1946 outlook for food and fiber in this country so well that little else need be said. Except for 1942, the reported condition of all crops is the best in seven years. We can expect a record corn crop and near-record crops of wheat, oats, potatoes, and rice. Milk and eggs were being produced at near-record levels on July 1. The excellent prospects for vitally-needed food and feed crops show that farmers have responded as in war to the cry for all-out production of important crops.

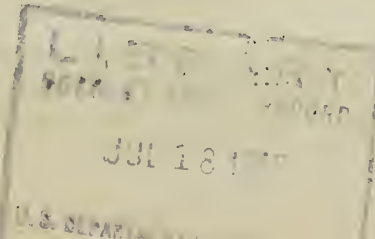
The whims of Old Man Weather must still be taken into consideration, of course. A large area in northwestern Montana, North Dakota, and northeastern South Dakota will need rain to maintain their present fair prospects. As a whole growing conditions to July 1 have been favorable. Outside of small local sections, the only area of really poor crop prospects remaining on July 1 is the drought area of New Mexico and Arizona, where irrigation water is becoming exhausted. For further details of the crop report see press release 1504.

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USDA RADIO CLINICS for field personnel on the schedule for this summer and fall include the following (your State Extension Director can supply the exact dates and locations): Orono, Maine, July 11 to 13. . . Albuquerque and Colorado Springs, July 9 to 16. . . Lubbock, Midland, Dallas, College Station, and Corpus Christie, Texas, July 17 to August 3. . . Ocean City, Md., Sept. 9. . . Nashville, Tenn., in October, and an unannounced location in Illinois, also in October.

Several of these radio schools have been held this year in Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Idaho, and Utah by Joe Tonkin and Ken Gopen of USDA Radio Service. Increased opportunities and demands for USDA and State agricultural workers to reach farmers via the radio emphasizes the need for these schools. And, "they say" FM looms ahead with prospects of a whole flock of new stations through which local agricultural workers can make day-to-day contacts with farm families. This possibility is only one of the reasons field personnel will want to take advantage of training in the USDA radio clinics.

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CLOSING DATE ON WINTER WHEAT INSURANCE. . . Application for winter wheat crop insurance must be submitted before the beginning of seeding and before the calendar closing date for the county. Calendar closing dates for winter wheat crop insurance are:

August 31, 1946--Ariz., Colo., Ia., Kans., Minn., Mo., Mont., Nebr., Nev., N. Mex., N. Dak., Okla., S. Dak., Tex., Utah, and Wyo.
September 14, 1946--Ill., Ind., Mich., N. J., N. Y., Ohio, Pa., and Wis.
September 28, 1946--Del., Ga., Idaho., Ky., Md., N. C., Oreg., Tenn., Va., Wash., W. Va., and the counties of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou in Calif. November 30, 1946--All remaining counties in Calif.

An 8-page background statement on the winter wheat crop insurance program has been supplied county agricultural conservation committees and crop insurance salesmen. An FCIC movie trailer will be used to help push the sale of winter wheat crop insurance this summer and fall. The 90-second trailer prepared in the Department will be provided by FCIC for showing at local motion picture theatres in counties where winter wheat insurance is sold. PMA field men and county agricultural conservation committees will arrange for showing the trailer.

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IDEA FOR A VACATION. . . . A Public Service Radio Institute will be held at the University of Wisconsin from July 29 to August 9. M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Work, calls attention to the institute in a recent letter to State Extension Directors as an opportunity to combine a brief, intensive review course in radio and refreshing dips in Lake Mendota that week. We pass the idea on for others who may be interested. The course covers review of radio writing, production techniques, State FM planning, and similar subjects. The institute fee is \$10.

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PLENTIFUL FOODS. . . . Potatoes, onions, lemons, and single-strength canned citrus juices are expected to be plentiful throughout the great part of the United States during August. Peaches will be plentiful except in the Southern States where harvest will be completed the first week in August. Supplies of cantaloupe and watermelons are expected to be larger than last year. Locally-produced fresh vegetables will be abundant in many parts of the country.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION Patrick W. Condon (better known as Pat) is now Distribution Control Officer of OI. He recently took over for Stanley Gaines when he was made Assistant Editor of the Yearbook of Agriculture. Before entering the Coast Guard in 1943, Pat was an assistant to the Director, Office of Information. After prolonged service in the Pacific, he returned to OI in February of this year.

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THE ONION FACT SHEET mentioned last week is out. One of its two pages contains recipes for using onions which housewives would find very helpful. Copies of the sheet may be obtained from OI.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . July 3, the Senate passed a national science foundation bill; the Senate Education and Labor Committee reported a bill to authorize the Federal Security Agency to assist States in the community recreation program; the House sent the Cooley farm credit bill to conference; the President approved the Hobbs anti-racketeering bill (this bill would prevent interference with farm-to-market deliveries of agricultural products.) July 5, the Senate reported an amended price control extension bill and the Senate passed the omnibus flood control bill of 1946. July 8, the House Agriculture Committee reported the Flannagan-Hope research and marketing bill.

July 9, the Senate continued debate on the price control measure; agreed to Senator Wherry's amendment prohibiting control of livestock, poultry, eggs, or their food or feed products; the Senate received the nomination of James R. Islieb to be Land Bank Commissioner; both Houses agreed to the conference report on the strategic materials stock-pile bill and sent it to the President; the Senate received an appropriation estimate for the Swan Island animal-quarantine station; the House received the conference reports on the government corporations appropriation bill and the omnibus flood control bill. July 10, the Senate continued debate on the price control bill; agreed to Senator Eastland's amendment to prohibit cottonseed and soybean ceilings, agreed to Senator Wherry's amendment to prohibit milk ceilings and rejected Senator Reed's amendment to prohibit grain ceilings.

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NEW DATE FOR SOUTHERN WORKSHOP. . . . The extension publications improvement workshop being sponsored by the Alabama Extension Service with the cooperation of the USDA Extension Service is now scheduled for September 12 to 17, inclusive. It will be held at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. In its new position on the calendar, the workshop will immediately precede the annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, also at Auburn, September 18, 19, and 20. This is the same workshop which was postponed because of the May railroad strike.

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FCA COMES BACK. . . . By August 1 it is expected that all of FCA now in Kansas City will have returned to Washington. Some offices will be in the South Building and some in the Arlington Hotel building Vermont Avenue, N. W., between K and L.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, JULY 20. . . . CONSUMER TIME, NBC, Some answer to that question, "When Can I Build a House?" Wilson Wyatt, National Housing Expediter, special guest on the program, will give some background facts on the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program and other government action to alleviate the "tight" housing situation.

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, "The Business Side of Farming," weekly USDA report for farmers.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, summary of new developments for farmers called "Department of Agriculture headlines."

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . Director of National Garden Program urges home gardeners to make successive plantings in their gardens--1449;
Secretary Anderson's telegram to New York Milk Shed Dairy Committee on current dairy industry questions--1466;
Cuba assures USDA sugar shipments will be continued under the interim purchase plan arrangement--1464;
World citrus forecast revised downward by 12 million boxes--1467;
Near East U. S. agricultural mission returns--1468;
Secretary Anderson confers with Cuban President on sugar problems--1477;
U. S. territories included in soap fat quota under amend. to WFO 42 b--1483;
The Utilities Trojan Horse, address by Claude R. Wickard, REA Administrator at meeting of TEXAS REA Cooperatives, Austin, Texas, July 8--1460;
Territorial boundaries of four forest experiment stations revised--1487;
The World Food Emergency in 1946-47, talk by D. A. FitzGerald, Secretary-General of IEFC, in Washington, July 9--1488;
Paul C. Stark named Director of Emergency Food Program Office--1499;
Flour production order amended (Amend. 11 to WFO 144)--1497;
General Crop Report as of July 1 (summary of)--1504;
Status of world food crisis issued by Famine Emergency Committee--exports must continue on a large scale at least through September, Chester C. Davis, Chairman, warns. . . need after October depends very largely on world harvests--1503.

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OPA RULING AIDS VETS. . . . Changed industrial and institutional sugar rationing provisions, announced July 8 by OPA, makes it easier for veterans to re-establish themselves in food producing businesses. The most important change, effective July 12, will place veterans, who sold their sugar-using businesses to join the armed forces, in the same position with respect to obtaining both industrial and institutional sugar allotments as they would have been in if they had not sold their businesses, according to OPA release 6590. Because of the current sugar situation, OPA does not generally set up new users of sugar in business. Eight other changes, all applying to veterans, are explained in the 2-page release.

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM EXPLAINED. . . . A 2-page fact sheet is being prepared to explain the new School Lunch Act and how the program will operate in the various States. The sheet will be distributed to all interested groups within the next week. If you do not receive a copy and want one, the Office of Information and PMA will have a supply.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Paying for a Farm, FCA Circular E-30, 19 p.;
Feed Consumption and the Production of Pork and Lard, Tech. Bul. No. 917, 21 p.; Classification of Barley Varieties Grown in the United States and Canada in 1945, Tech. Bul. No. 907, 190 p.

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